

Editorial

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The 2019 EHPS conference is fast approaching and this issue offers a preamble of the 2019 conference. As a result, it makes us curious and excited about the forthcoming conference (3–7 Sep, Dubrovnik, Croatia) by presenting the new special interest group on digital health and computer tailoring.

This issue is also a tribute to Stan Maes, the founder of our society. Without him the EHPS and European Health Psychology would still be in its infancy. An obituary to Charles Carver is also part of this issue.

Professor **Vera Araujo-Soares** (*EHPS President*) report reflects on developments of the last year and stresses relevant goals of the EHPS such as “Knowledge transfer for impact”.

Hagger et al. reflect on 2018 Synergy meeting about “Promoting Scientific Integrity in Health Psychology Research and Publishing”. The experts identified key issues in the context of open science and agreed a key open science practices to prevent questionable research practices such as withholding results, retrospectively fitting data to hypotheses etc. The synergy experts also reviewed current literature on benefits of transparency and open science and discussed this topic. Solutions and recommendations had been agreed on and comprise “totally open science” which means that the principal of open science should be worked in in all stages of the research process; “education” all researcher should get training in open science principles and practices, “publishing” societies such as the EHPS and editors should be on the forefront of championing open science and support

their authors to meet minimum requirements; “advocacy” societies such as the EHPS should have a focus on encouragement and advocating advantages of open science.

The Smit et al. contribution informs about the launch of the new special interest group on digital health and computer tailoring, which will take place at the 2019 EHPS conference. The authors started in 2017 at the Padua conference to gather opinions on this topic, conducted a survey among interested society members on what such a group should focus on. Moreover, this SIG also has formulated a mission statement and will be officially launched as EHPS Special Interest Group on Digital Health & Computer-Tailoring during a lunch meeting on Thursday September 5, from 13:00 to 14:00 in room Elati 4.

With the sad passing of **Stan Maes**, society members expressed the wish to honor him and his extraordinary and exceptionally contribution to the EHPS by providing obituaries. The piece by Marie Johnston has been previously published in the December 2018 issue, but we decided to publish it again as part of the tribute to Stan Maes in this issue. A special tribute to Stan Maes by Dr Marta Marques and Professor Howard Leventhal is also included in this issue.

The current issue also contains a paper written by Evangelos Karademas to honour **Charles Carver** contribution on self-regulation. Charles Carver passed away in June 2019.

The current EHP issue summarizes beautifully the words of the EHPS president (“this society is run ‘by members for members’”, Araujo-Soares, pXX) with contributions from several members that demonstrate the extent of the EHPS members

engagement and also the impact of the different activities organized and sponsored by the EHPS. Finally, it also shows the strong bond between the EHPS members and the kind words in this issue also demonstrate the EHPS essence.

Hopefully see you all in Croatia!
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